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The Honorable Kevin Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex parte communication in WT Docket No. 01-108

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to indicate APCO's support for an immediate and reasonable extension of the Advanced Mobile Phone System (AMPS) technology sunset date. Our position is based upon the wide-spread use of AMPS technology to support relay alarm signals from homes and businesses to alarm companies that monitor for fire, burglary, carbon monoxide and medical emergencies. Absent an extension, AMPS service will cease on February 18, 2008, rendering AMPS alarm system technology unusable. Alarm company customers that have not been retrofitted with the new digital radios would lose their alarm service, potentially endangering life and property. We understand that the Commission has expressly retained authority to extend the five-year transition period if deemed necessary.

We urge the Commission to immediately grant a reasonable extension of the AMPS sunset to allow a transition of alarm users to digital technology without any loss of protection.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda McCarley
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The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
The Honorable Michael J. Copps
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